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1. AFTER EVENTS AT MORNING 7 PLUS 7, SIX MAJOR
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (U.S., EC, NORDICS, JAPAN,
SWISS, CANADA) AGREED TO MEET IN AFTERNOON TO
CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS IN A SMALLER GROUP. AT EC
REQUEST, MEETING BEGAN WITHOUT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION.
EC DEL DISTRIBUTED UPDATED LISTING OF VOLUME OF
PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR ALL MEMBER STATES BUT ITALY.
(BEING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON.) FIRST COLUMN
LISTS TOTAL PURCHASES OF GOODS BY EACH COUNTRY.
TELECOMMUNICATION, TRANSPORTATION, ELECTRICITY
AND WATER PURCHASES ARE EXCLUDED FROM ALL FIGURES
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EXCEPT THOSE WITH TWO DASHES. THE SECOND COLUMN
CONSISTS OF NON-WAR GOODS MILITARY PURCHASES USING
THE "SECRET" DEFINITION FOR SUCH GOODS IN THE EC
DIRECTIVE. THIS COLUMN HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFERED
BY THE EC. THE THIRD COLUMN LISTS THE DOLLAR
VOLUME OF THE ENTITIES OFFERED BY THE EC. ALL FIGURES
ARE IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

F	1.700	880	920
UK	1.800	800	1.000
RFA	913--	200	348
DK	542.20	54	488
NL	960--	307	500
IRL	53.3--	5.6	5.9
LUX	8--	1	4
B	1,000		350
TOTAL		3.615	

2. OTHER DELS GAVE EC DIFFICULT TIME ABOUT SIZE OF OFFER NOTING THAT SWEDEN'S OFFER WAS LARGER THAN EC'S AND THAT DENMARK'S WAS GREATER THAN WEST GERMANY'S. EC DEL (DERISBOURG) WAS VERY DEFENSIVE ABOUT THE EC OFFER BUT INDICATED IT WAS THE BEST THAT THE EC COULD DO. HE ADDED ANYTHING NOT COVERED BY THE EC DIRECTIVE COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE COVERAGE OF AN INTERNATIONAL CODE AT THIS STAGE.

3. AFTER CANADIANS ARRIVED, DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON WORK BEFORE JULY 15. U.S. DEL (SHELLEY) REITERATED THAT COMPLETION OF CODE WAS NECESSARY BEFORE WE COULD GET DEEPLY INTO COVERAGE NEGOTIATIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NORDIC DEL (LEMMEL) AGREED THAT WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON FINISHING TEXT AND INITIATE PROCEDURES FOR COVERAGE NEGOTIATIONS. LEMMEL FELT A REALISTIC AIM WOULD BE TO HAVE THE CODE FINISHED BY JULY 15 AND TO RAISE TO THE POLITICAL LEVEL AT THAT TIME THE QUESTION OF HOW LARGE THE COVERAGE PACKAGE SHOULD BE, I.E., ARE WE GOING TO NEGOTIATE A LARGE OR A SMALL PACKAGE. ALL DELS, EXCEPT EC, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT WITHOUT A LARGE PACKAGE, AGREEMENT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO SELL DOMESTICALLY.

4. GROUP AGREED ON FOLLOWING OUTLINE FOR WORK DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS. FOLLOWING JUNE 12 SUB-GROUP MEETING, PLURILATERAL GROUP WILL MEET JUNE 13-15 TO WORK ON 1) S&D, 2) FINAL PROVISIONS, AND 3) TEXT ON SCOPE AND COVERAGE. GATT SECRETARIAT WILL PROVIDE WORKING DRAFT ON FINAL PROVISIONS AND SCOPE AND COVERAGE WORK WILL FOCUS ON NEW CANADIAN DRAFT. GROUP ALSO AGREED TO MEET ON JUNE 22 OR 23 INFORMALLY WITH FOUR OR FIVE LDC'S TO TRY TO WORK OUT REALISTIC S&D APPROACH. NEXT PLURILATERAL SESSIONS WERE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28-30.

AT THESE SESSIONS, IT WAS AGREED TO WORK ON LANGUAGE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDS (PARTS 8 AND 9 OF DRAFT) AS WELL AS TENDERING PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION.

5. CONCERNING COVERAGE, GROUP AGREED THAT AFTER SUB-GROUP MEETING, GATT SECRETARIAT WOULD CIRCULATE AN AIRGRAM ANNOUNCING THAT COUNTRIES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN GP CODE SHOULD SUBMIT OFFERS AND REQUESTS (EMPHASING OFFERS) TO GATT SECRETARIAT BETWEEN JUNE 26 AND JULY 7. SUCH OFFERS AND REQUESTS WILL NOT BE GENERALLY CIRCULATED, BUT RATHER WILL BE RESTRICTED TO DISTRIBUTION TO ONLY THOSE COUNTRIES THAT SUBMIT OFFERS OR REQUESTS.
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